the schemes are sanctioned by the competent authority subject to availability of resources, infrastructural facilities, staff and inter se priorities.

[English]

Introduction of Train between Kottur and Guntakal via Hospet and Bellary

5347. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to run a passenger train between Kottur and Guntakal via Hospet and Bellary;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whethe the demand for running the proposed train is long pending;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to cover the sector keeping in view heavy inflow of the traffic on these lines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAIWLAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to technical constraints.

(c) and (d) There have been some demands for running passenger service between Kottur and Hospet.

(e) Passenger services are already available on the Hospet-Bellary-Guntakal section. However, passenger train running on Kottur-Gunda Road-Hospet section is not feasible in the near future due to various technical constraints.

Terminal at Anand Vihar Railway Station

5348. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Terminal was approved at Anand Vihar Railway Station to avoid the congestion at New Delhi Railway Station.

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) A terminal is planned to be provided at Anand Vihar to handle the traffic anticipated by the end of the 9th five year plan.

(b) Land has already been acquired.

(c) The work is likely to be started in the coming years.

[Translation]

Export in NMDC

5349. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA :

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Minerals Development Corporation has been exporting their products;

(b) if so, the details of products and value thereof exported during the last three years; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to encourage the export ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC) exports iron ore through MMTC Ltd., the canalising agency for export of Iron ore, as per the existing EXIM Policy.

(b) Quantity and value of Exports of NMDC's iron ore during the last 3 years is as follows :

Year	Quantity (in Lakh Tonnes)	Foreign Exchange (Rs. in Crores)
1993-94	64.91	392.30
1994-95	66.72	408.47
1995-96	64.11	402.79

(c) Identification and development of new markets, revival of old markets, and efforts for better unit value realisation are some steps being taken by MMTC Ltd. to increase the exports.

[English]

EMS in Bangalore

5350. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Post Offices accepting EMS Speed Post in Bangalore;

(b) whether the Government consider to intorudce EMS in all post offices in Bangalore City; and

(c) if so, the number of post offices proposed to be covered under EMS during 1997-98 in Bangalore ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are 56 Post Offices accepting EMS Speed Post in Bangalore.

(b) and (c) A Post Office is authorised to accept EMS Speed Post articles keeping in view the potential traffic of that area and operational feasibility. At present there is no proposal to cover all Post offices of Bangalore to accept EMS Speed Post articles.